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(SBU) In response to reftel demarche seeking information on Getachew Engida, the ethnic Ethiopian nominated by UNESCO to succeed Ms Ahlenius at the UN Office of Internal Oversight Services, Abebow Feleke, MFA's Deputy Director of the Office of International Organizations told Deputy Pol/Econ Counselor, "Oh yeah, I think I know who you mean." The Government of Ethiopia clearly has not decided as yet to mount a campaign on behalf of Getachew's candidacy. Abebow had no CV and no further opinion to offer.

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